



**Ready by 21<sup>®</sup>** all youth ready for college, work & life

## Approach to Youth Master Planning

# Who we are

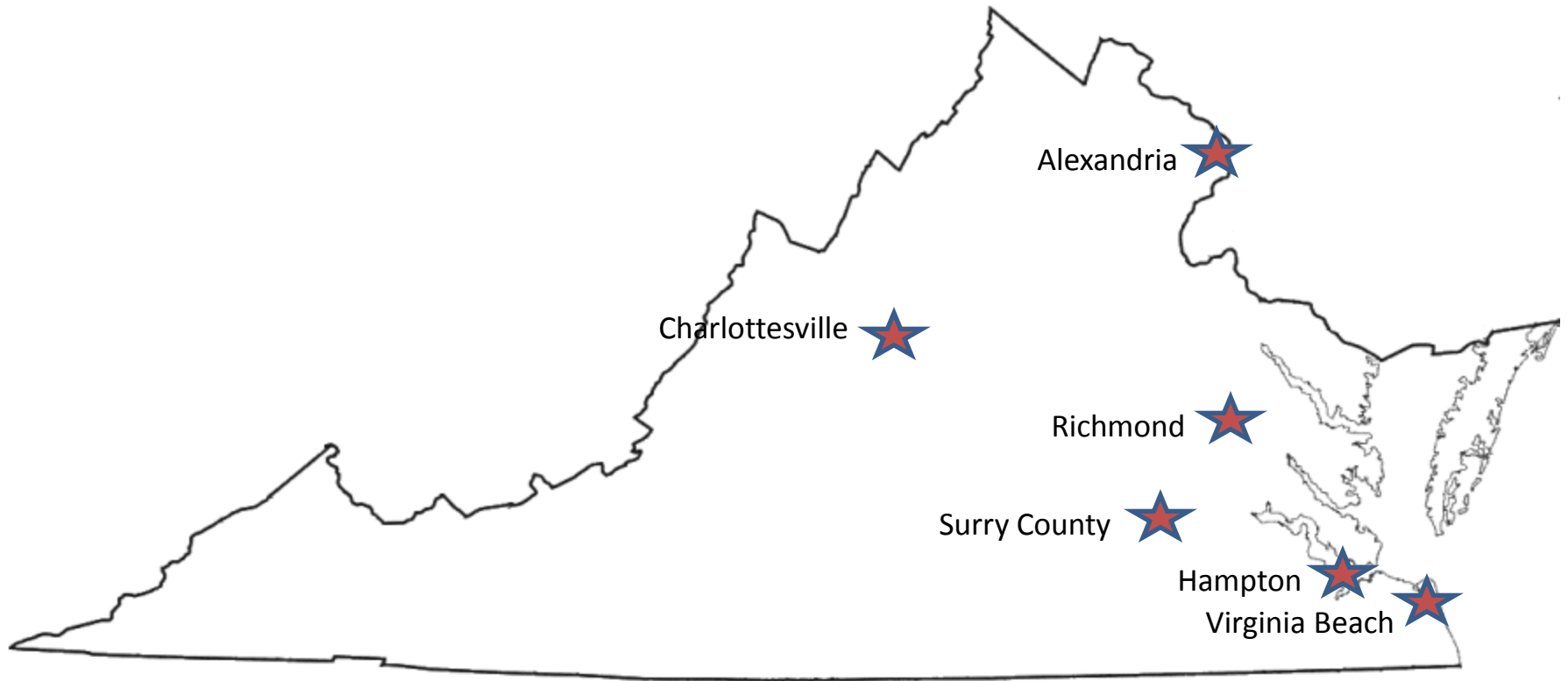
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The Forum for Youth Investment is a nonprofit, nonpartisan “action tank” dedicated to helping communities and the nation make sure all young people are **Ready by 21 -- ready for college, work and life.**

Working in partnership with government, business, education and nonprofits, we provide a framework, coaching and tools for leaders who care about youth.

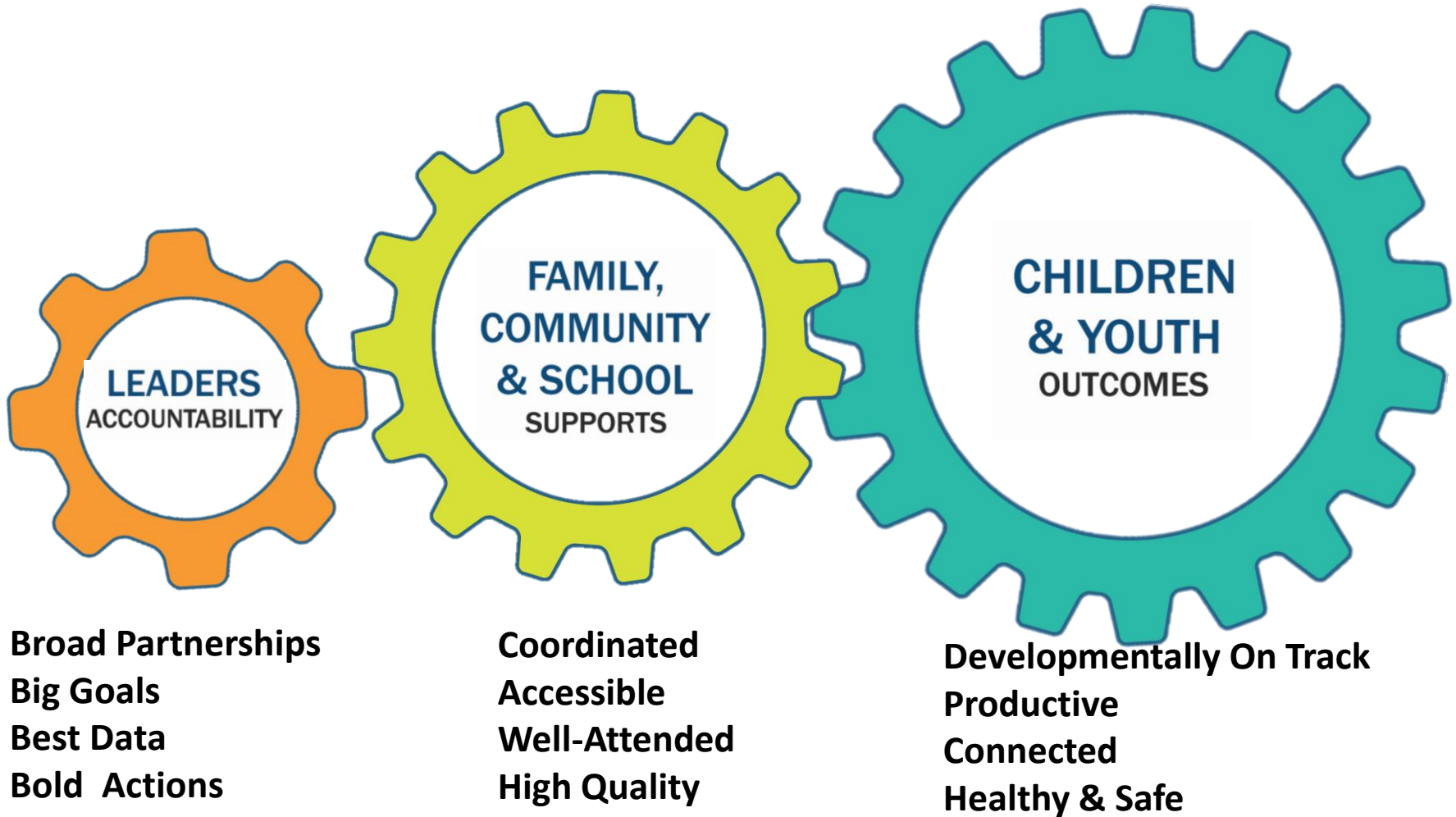


# Ready by 21 – Virginia Cities Challenge



# Ready by 21 Theory of Change

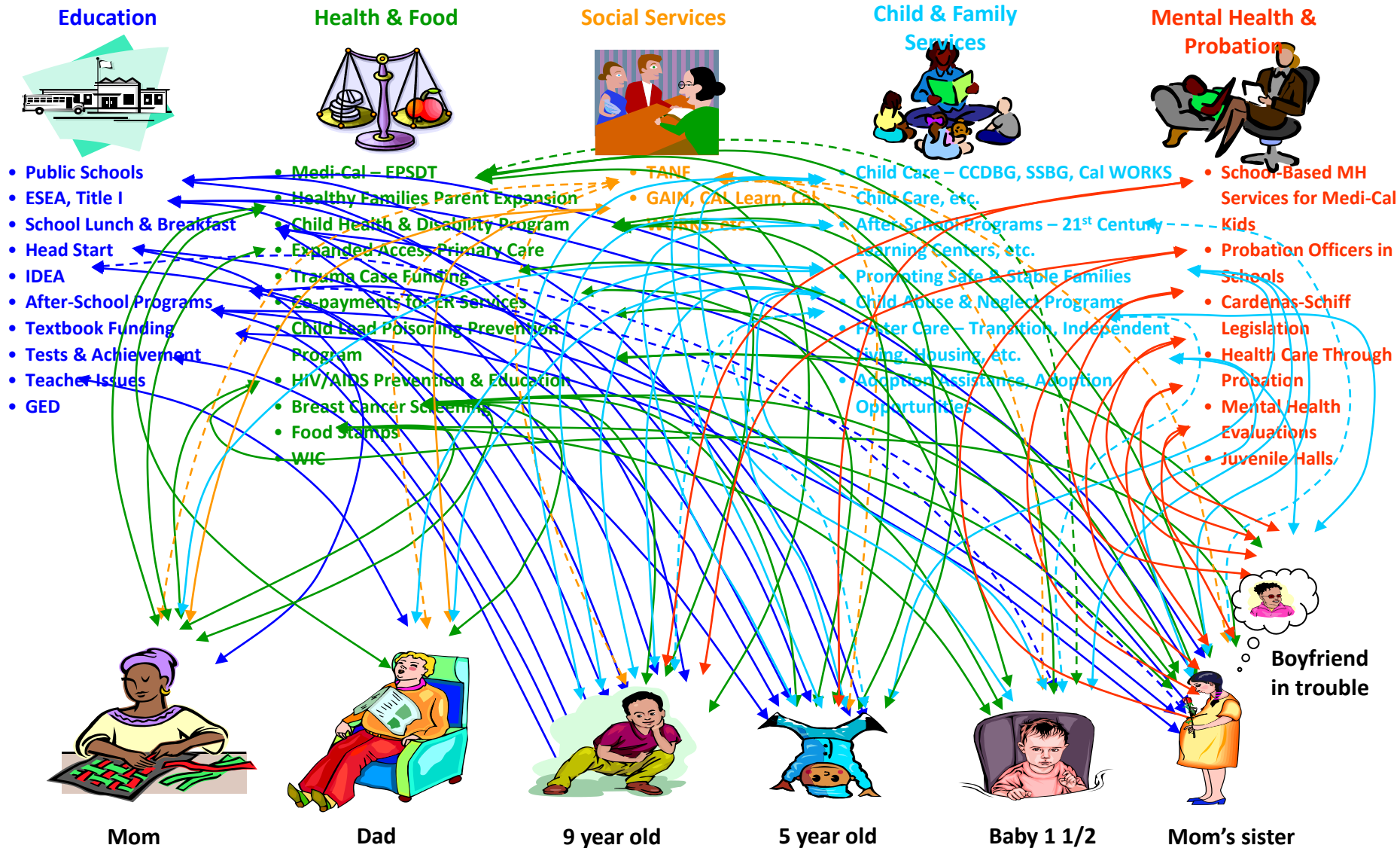
*Moving the Small gear makes a big difference*



# Take Aim: Ready Children & Youth

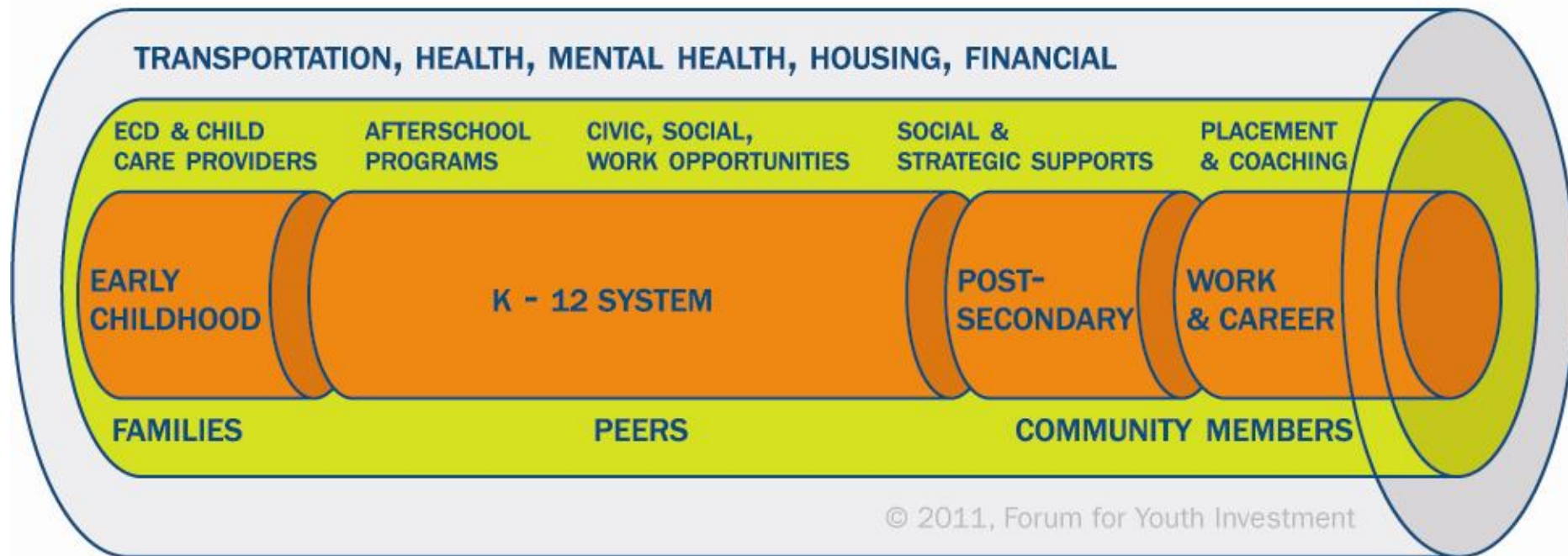


# Beginning to untangle the mess





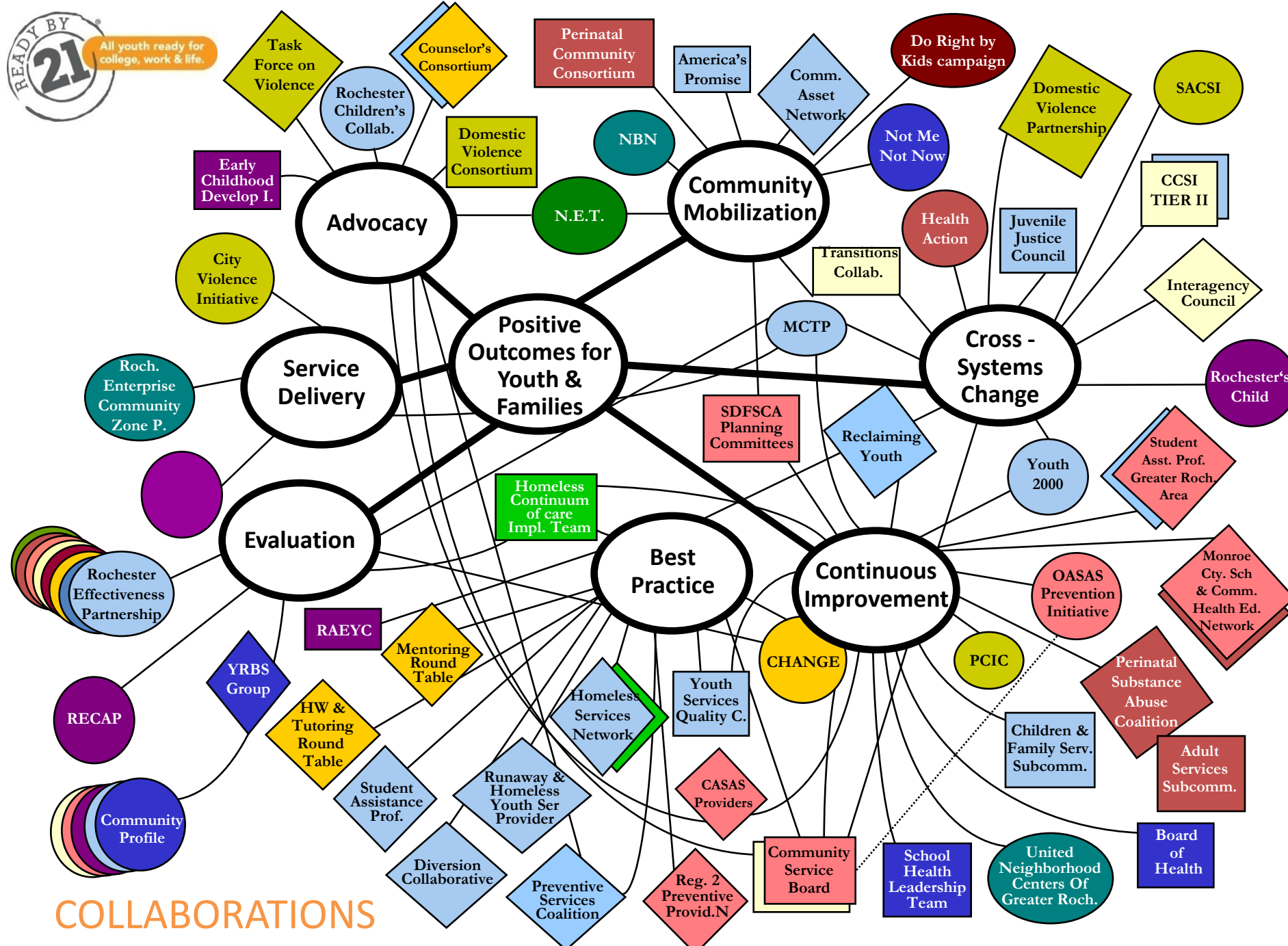
# Ready Communities: The Insulated Pipeline





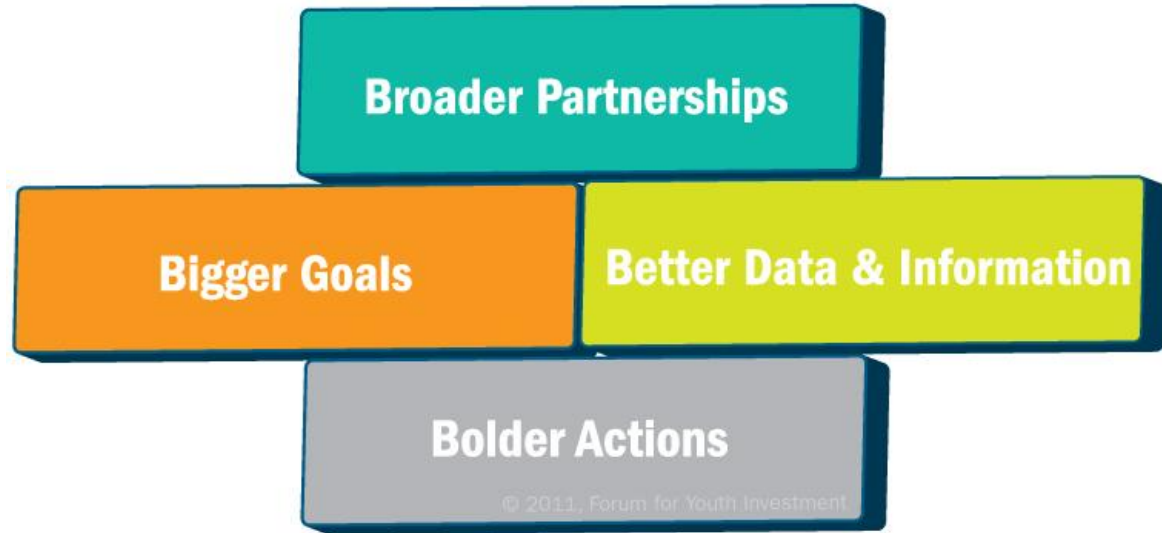


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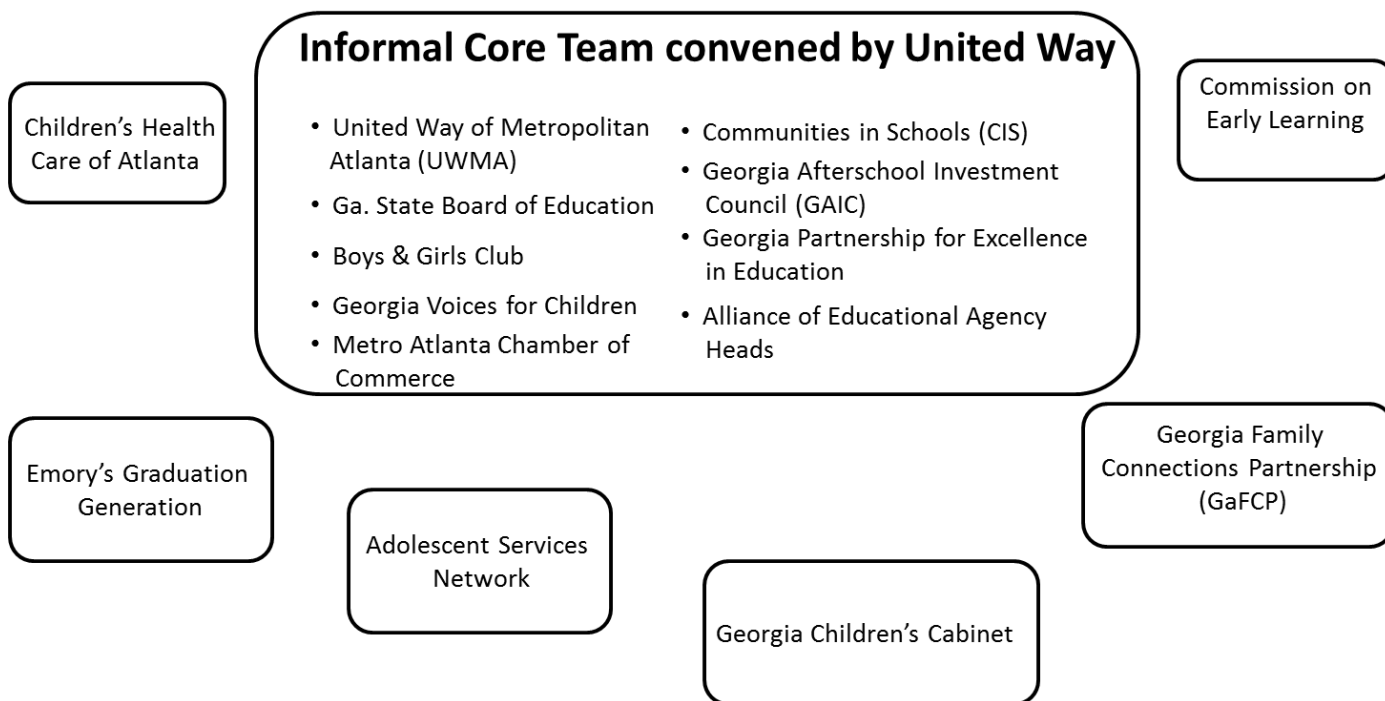
# COLLABORATIONS

# The Catalyst: Ready Leaders



# Atlanta's Partnership Structure

## Snapshot of the Initial Partnership Structure in Atlanta, Georgia



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## Ready by 21 Leadership Council

- Ga. Dept of Education
- Ga. Dept. of Public Health
- Ga. Governor's Office Children & Families
- Ga. Early Education Alliance for Ready Students (GEEARS)
- Ga. Family Connection Partnership
- Emory's Office of Univ. Community Partnerships
- CVS Caremark Corp
- University of Georgia
- Ga. Department of Early Care and Learning
- Ga. Campaign Against Adolescent Pregnancy (G-CAAP)
- Junior Achievement, Ga.
- Fanning Institute
- Georgia Appleseed
- Annie E. Casey Foundation
- Children's Health Care of Atlanta
- Ga. Afterschool Investment Council (GAIC)
- Ga. Partnership for Excellence in Education
- Voices for Georgia's Children
- United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta
- Communities in Schools

Georgia's Children's Cabinet

Georgia Family Connection Partnership Statewide Strategy

## Partnership Clusters Pre K through Young Adulthood

School Readiness & Early Grade Literacy

Middle School Transition

On-Time Graduation

Completion of College/ Adv. Degree

## Adolescent Services Network

Teen Pregnancy

Alcohol, Tobacco, Other Drugs (ATOD)

Childhood Obesity

Juvenile Justice

Georgia Campaign Against Adolescent Pregnancy (G-CAAP)

P-3 funders group

Georgia Grade Level Reading Campaign

Ga. Early Education Alliance for Ready Students (GEEARS)

## Neighborhood Focus

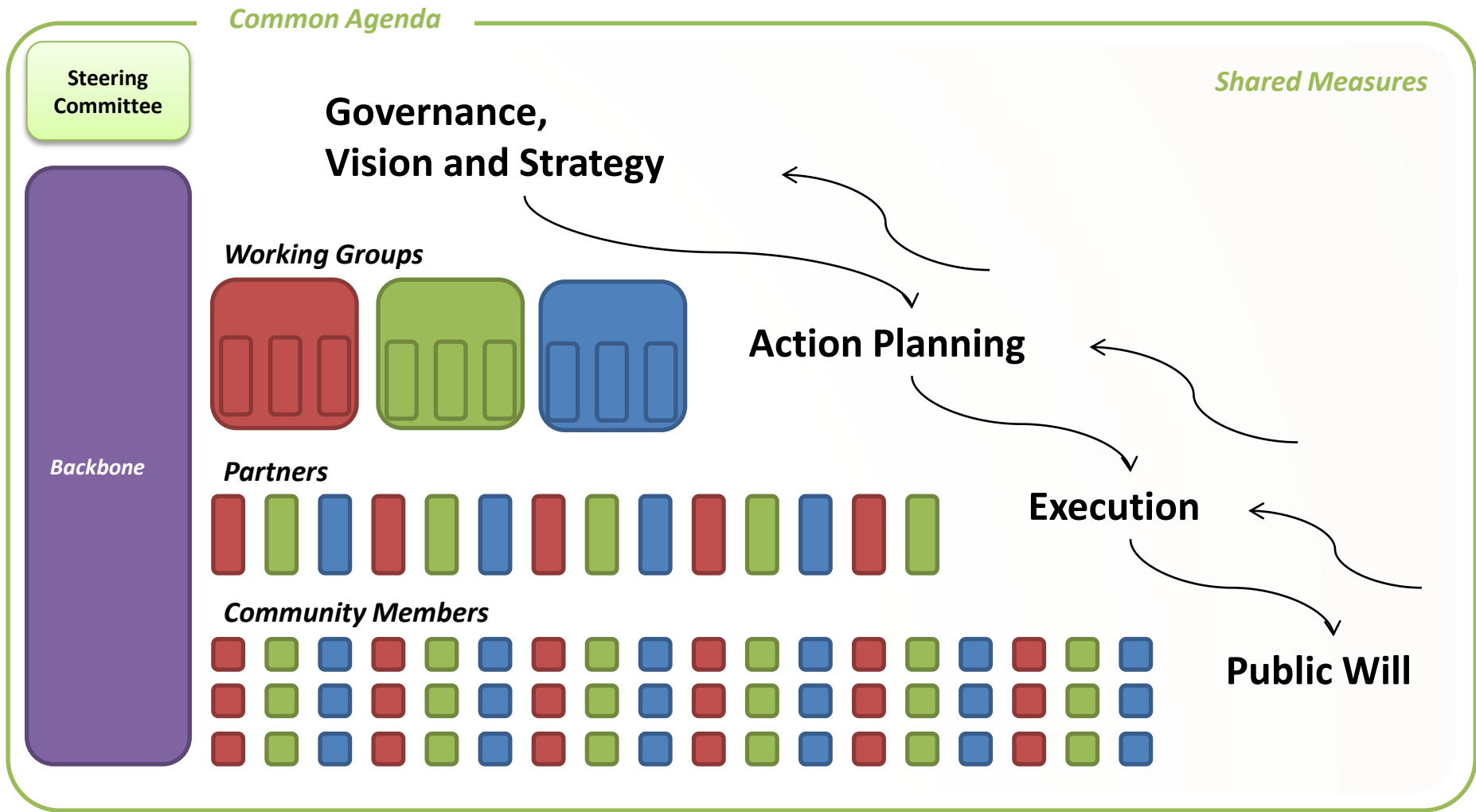
Graduation Generation

Atlanta Promise Neighborhood

Turn Around Schools: Clarkston & Banneker High Schools & their feeder patterns

----- Dotted lines indicate informal connections

# Backbones Ensure that Cascading Levels Collaboration Remain Linked





THERE CAN BE NO KEENER REVELATION OF A SOCIETY'S SOUL THAN THE WAY IN WHICH IT TREATS ITS CHILDREN. -NELSON MANDELA

## **CHILD & YOUTH MASTER PLAN**

IT IS EASIER TO BUILD STRONG CHILDREN THAN TO REPAIR BROKEN MEN. -FREDERICK DOUGLASS

## **FOR METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE & DAVIDSON COUNTY**

THE SOLUTION TO ADULT PROBLEMS TOMORROW DEPENDS ON LARGE MEASURE UPON HOW OUR CHILDREN GROW UP TODAY. -MARGARET MEAD

CHILDREN ARE REMARKABLE FOR THEIR INTELLIGENCE AND ARDOR, FOR THEIR CURIOSITY, THEIR INTOLERANCE OF SHAMS, THE CLARITY AND RUTHLESSNESS OF THEIR VISION. -ALDOUS HUXLEY

CHILDREN ARE LIKELY TO LIVE UP TO WHAT YOU BELIEVE OF THEM. -LADY BIRD JOHNSON

**TASKFORCE REPORT TO MAYOR KARL DEAN JULY 2010**

# A Big Picture Approach

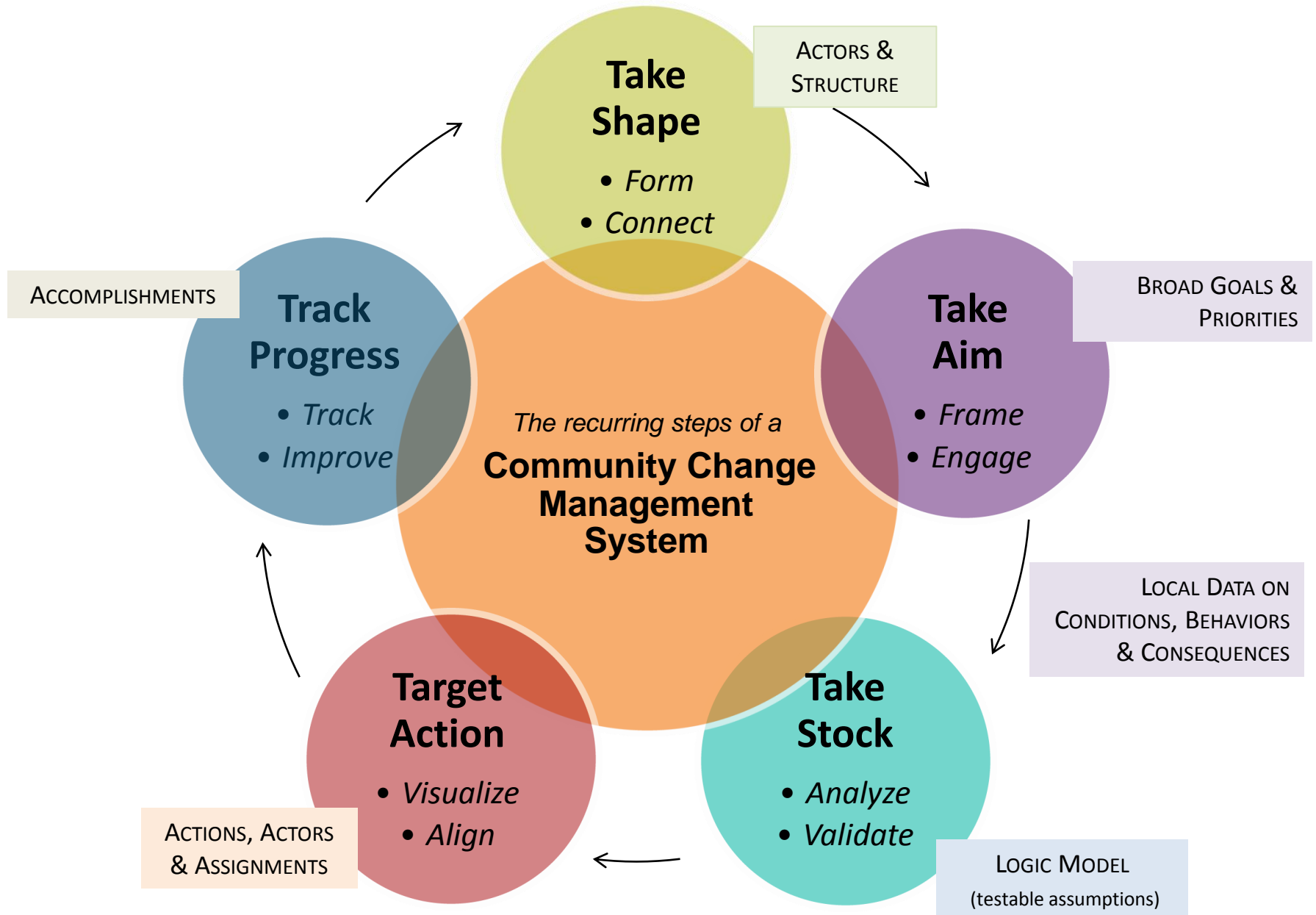
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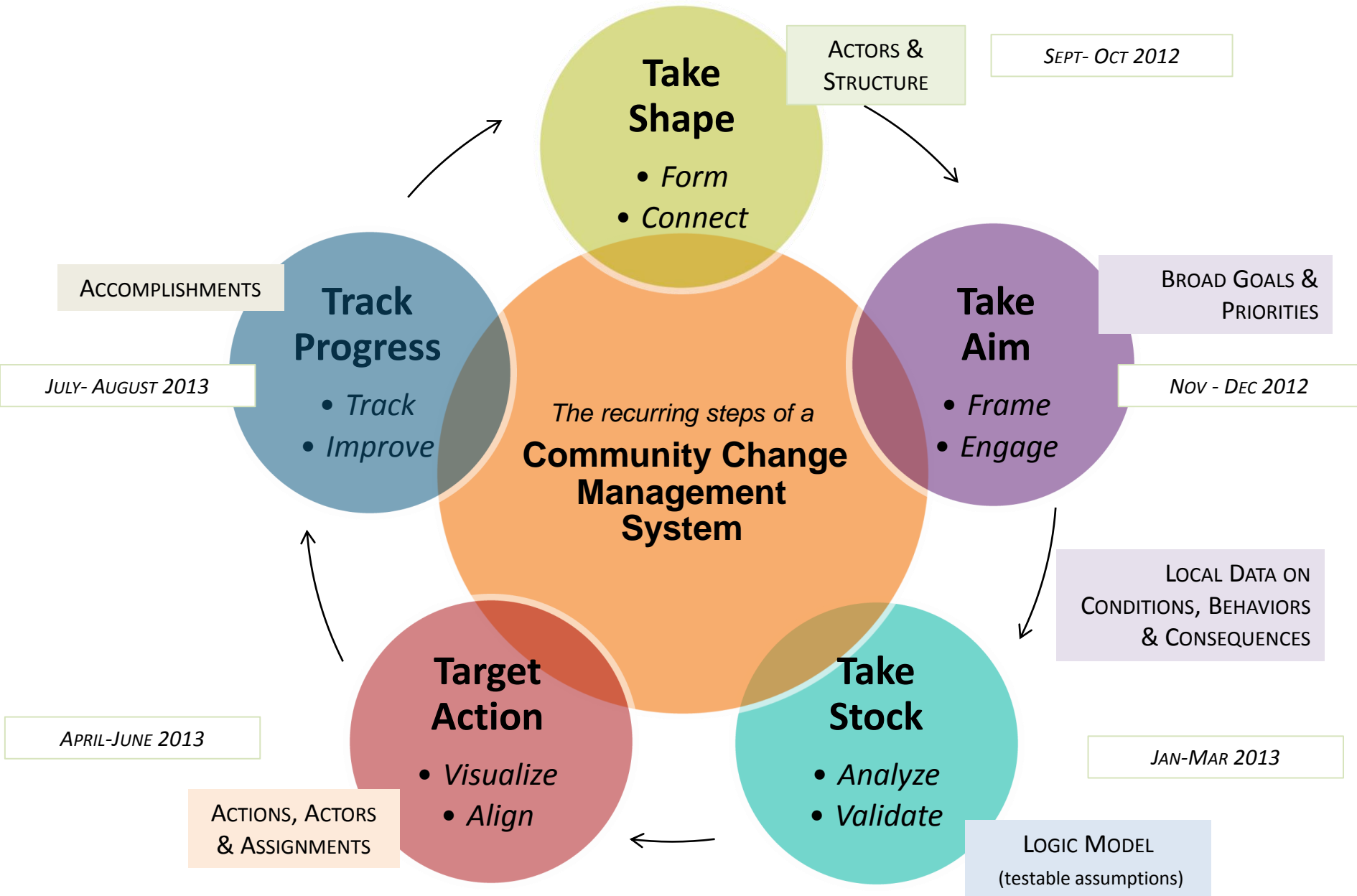
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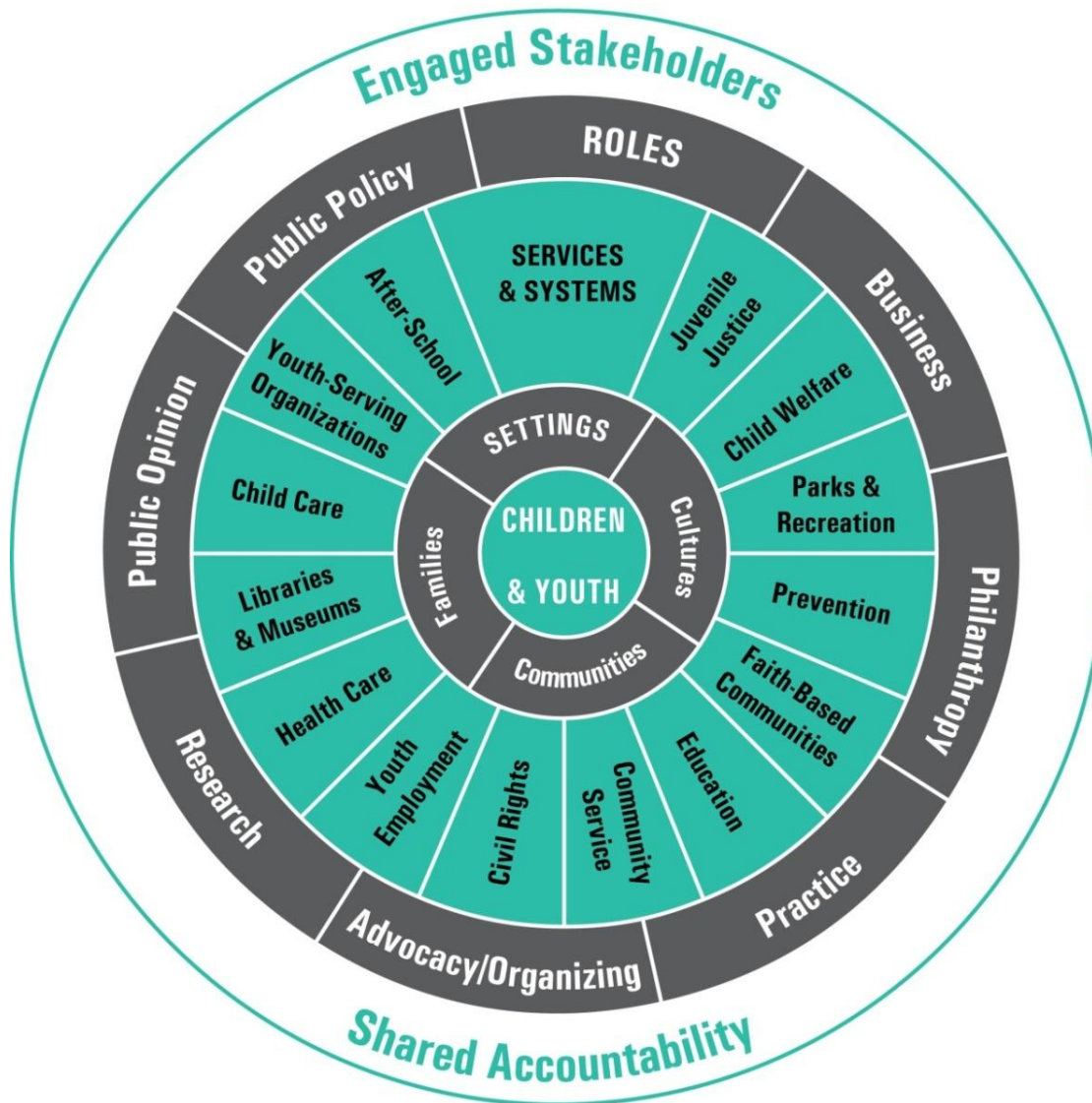
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OVERVIEW



# Engaging Stakeholders



The “stakeholder wheel” depicts the roles, services/systems and settings that impact children and youth.

– the range of players needed at the table developing shared accountability for improved outcomes for children and youth.

*Note: The circles on the wheel are independent of each other.*

# Youth Voice in the Planning Process

- Youth as co-chair for taskforce
- Youth membership on all taskforce committees
- Youth Survey
- Youth Summit



# Example Action Plan Outline

- **Statement of Purpose:**
  - The core principles and common vision
- **Outcomes and Indicators about:**
  - Children and Youth
  - Family, School and Community Supports
  - Leadership Actions
- **Contributing Factors**
  - Obstacles and Opportunities
- **Strategies & Action Steps**
- **Shared Accountability**
- **Recommendations**

